

B. Claims

Please replace all of the claims in the application with the following complete set of claims.

1-20. (Cancelled)

21. (New) A work machine comprising:

a load bearing assembly extending from the work machine for mounting implements, the load bearing assembly including an elongated stick member;

an implement pivotally attached to the stick member for pivotal movement relative to the stick member;

an implement positioning assembly coupled to the implement, the implement positioning assembly holding the implement in a desired pivotal position relative to the stick member, the implement positioning assembly coupled to the stick member via an attachment device;

the attachment device further comprising:

at least one plate member mounted to the stick member, the at least one plate member defining a plurality of mounting positions; and,

a base member adapted to attach to the plate member at one of the plurality of mounting positions, and the implement positioning assembly is pivotally attached to the plate member for pivotal movement relative to the plate member.

22. (New) A work machine according to claim 21 wherein:

the at least one plate member includes a plurality of threaded holes, wherein a set of threaded holes defines each mounting position; and

the base member includes mating holes through which bolts pass to thread into the threaded holes of the plate member to mount the base member to the plate member.

23. (New) A work machine according to claim 22 wherein:

the base member further comprises a pair of flanges and a pin passing through each flange; and

the implement positioning assembly is pivotally mounted to the base member at the pin.

24. (New) A work machine according to claim 21 wherein the implement positioning assembly comprises:

a linkage assembly mounted to the implement; and

an implement positioning device mounted between the linkage assembly and the base member.

25. (New) A work machine according to claim 24 wherein the implement positioning device is a hydraulic cylinder.

26. (New) A work machine according to claim 24 wherein the implement positioning device is a strut.

27. (New) A work machine according to claim 21 wherein the base member comprises a plurality of clamp assemblies which apply a clamping force to the plate member, and the plurality of mounting positions is an infinite number of mounting positions.

28. (New) A method of operating a work machine, the work machine comprising:

a load bearing assembly extending from the work machine for mounting implements, the load bearing assembly including an elongated stick member;

an first implement pivotally attached to the stick member for pivotal movement relative to the stick member;

a first implement positioning assembly coupled to the implement, the first implement positioning assembly holding the first implement in a desired pivotal position relative to the stick member, the first implement positioning assembly coupled to the stick member via an attachment device;

the attachment device further comprising:

at least one plate member mounted to the stick member, the at least one plate member defining a plurality of mounting positions; and,

a base member attached to the plate member at a first of the plurality of mounting positions, and the first implement positioning assembly is pivotally attached to the plate member for pivotal movement relative to the plate member;

the method of using the work machine comprising:

utilizing the first implement and the first implement positioning assembly to perform a first work operation;

removing the first implement and the first implement positioning assembly from the work machine;

detaching the base member from the plate member, and reattaching the base member to the plate member at a second of the plurality of mounting positions that is different from the first of the plurality of mounting positions;

pivotally attaching a second implement different from the first implement to the stick member for pivotal movement relative to the stick member; and

coupling a second implement positioning assembly different from the first implement positioning assembly to the second implement, the second implement positioning assembly holding the second implement in a desired pivotal position relative to the stick

member, and coupling the second implement positioning assembly to the stick member via the attachment device.